

Couple discusses 'Hanoi Hilton'

Finally, I was able to attend one of the functions of the Hanoi Hills Christian Women's Fellowship. The guest dinner held Saturday was an excellent affair, with 135 persons sitting down to a delicious roast beef dinner at the Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. What a great meal those women put on.



IN THE CHURCHES

By Bob Ollivier

Everyone enjoyed an evening of music, comedy and sing-song with Vince and Janice Evenden from Midland. Maybe I'm just partial to good violin music, but Mrs. Evenden is an excellent musician, having played with the Hamilton Philharmonic and McMaster Symphony orchestras.

Of course there was a Valentine's Day theme and the love of God for man showed clearly. Gord and Nancy Barwell as emcees kept things running smoothly and introduced the speakers for the evening, Joan and Norm Johnson, who were captured by the North Vietnamese and were imprisoned from May to October, 1968, in jungle camps before being transferred to the "Hanoi Hilton", a prison camp for mainly political and military personnel.

On the evening of capture, over 50,000 shells fell on the area in three and a half hours followed by eight hours of bombing, and God kept them safe through it all. The Johnsons discovered that "worry changes nothing" and left all in God's hands and He brought them through almost unbelievable persecution.

God's word, the Bible, tells "God will provide ALL your NEEDS", but what are our NEEDS? Barely to exist is a need, and that is the need that was provided. The emotions still come through, even down the years from that March day in 1968, and we could understand the theme of the Johnsons' message, "Bad is Good". It gives us a new appreciation of what we have here in Canada, and we tend to take these benefits for granted.

Dick Kunica, a doctor attending Maple Avenue Baptist Church, was recently in Nicaragua with his teenage son, Tim. Their purpose was a totally voluntary mission with the Christian Medical Association.

This was the trip that was seen on "WS" two Sundays ago where Canadian and U.S. doctors paid their own way and expenses for two weeks to provide eye examination and even eye surgery for the people of Nicaragua. Their 14-hour days gave them the chance to examine 10,000 people and perform 200 operations. Another 5,000 waited outside the compound and had

to be turned away with no service.

Six thousand pairs of eye glasses were dispensed, and these were all provided by donation of used glasses gathered in churches and other locations around Canada and the U.S. Doctor Kunica and son were part of a staff of 30 physicians with 40 lay people to assist and it is felt this is a tangible way of helping an underprivileged nation. Often, cash donations do not get to the proper areas of need with some governing bodies keeping it for other purposes. Portions of God's Word were given to every person attending the clinics, normally in the form of the Book of John in their own language.

Maple Avenue Baptist held a winter family fun program last Saturday and over 100 people turned out for fun and games in the snow. The weather was great and the Loveless home was inundated with snow-covered Baptists. To night is the Renew program at Holy Cross Church and the title of the film in the series by James Dobson is "The strong-willed child". Time is 8 p.m.

World development reverend's topic

By BETTY JOHNSON
Herald Special

At a recent monthly meeting St. George's Anglican Church Women had as guest-speaker their rector, the Reverend Jim Boyles, whose topic was "Ten Days for World Development".

This is an educational programme sponsored by five national Canadian churches (Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and United) which is aimed at church supporters and the general public. Ten Days deliberately focuses upon the needs and

hopes of that vast majority living in Asia, Africa and Latin America, working toward changes in Canadian public opinion and policy, in support of the poor. The programme affirms the right of people to the freedom, opportunity, justice, health and fulfillment for which God created them.

As a widely travelled member of the World Council of Churches, the Reverend Boyles spoke of a journey to Kenya, where he visited a cotton factory, employing about 400 women, who were

able once a week, to participate in an hour of Bible study. He also visited Uganda where (during the regime of Idi Amin) travel was greatly restricted, resulting in empty market places, because the farmers were unable to transport their produce.

This was his closing prayer, written by the Reverend Sara Boyles: O God, your Son broke down the walls between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, Greek and Barbarian. Help us, Lord, to break down all that divides us from other people.

Church won't appeal arcade's operation

Herald Special

The Bethel Christian Reformed Church won't be appealing a Halton Hills committee of adjustment ruling earlier this month which permits the operation of an amusement arcade in a commercial zone.

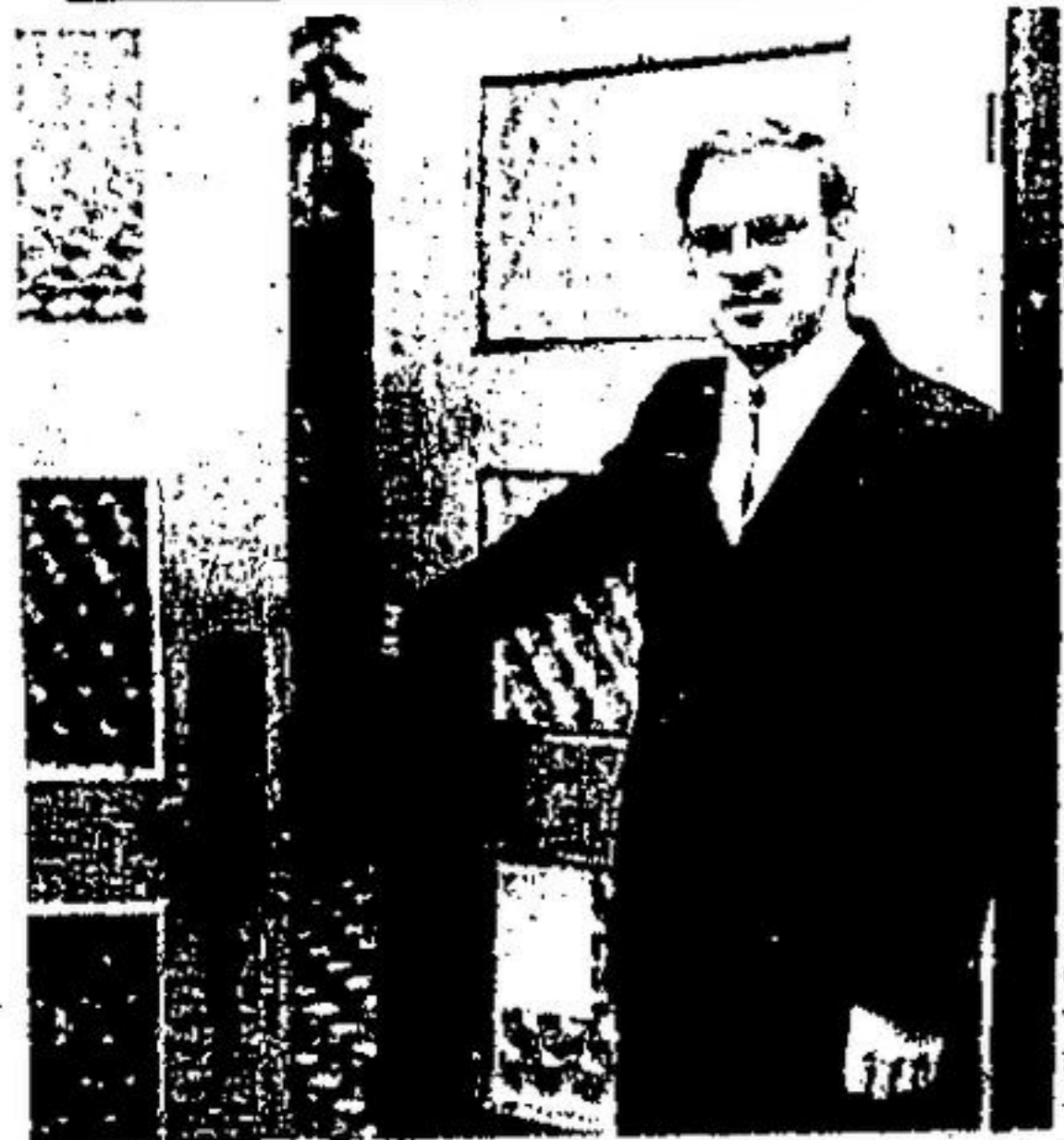
The Garage Arcade is

operating in a former garage on Acton's east end opposite the church and Pastor John Cooper told committee of adjustment in its original deliberations that problems were arising with youngsters going to the arcade instead of Sunday School as their parents expected them to do.

Deliberation by the elders

last week resulted in the decision not to appeal the committee's decision. Instead the congregation will be reinforcing Christian values in the home and family so their own children will see the inferior value of such an amusement place, Pastor Cooper said.

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Living room roots

Continued from page A6 longer you're in the ministry, the better you learn to deal with it," Rev. Reid said.

He finds the Acton community friendly and the people helpful.

"I believe we're in the minor stages of an awakening in this community. I felt it the first week I came here. Many people who at this time have nothing to do with a church are going to turn to this church. Newscasts are so negative and everything looks so hopeless. I think the churches are going to be full in this community. Securities are being pulled out from under us all and people with a strong faith in God aren't shaken as much," he said.

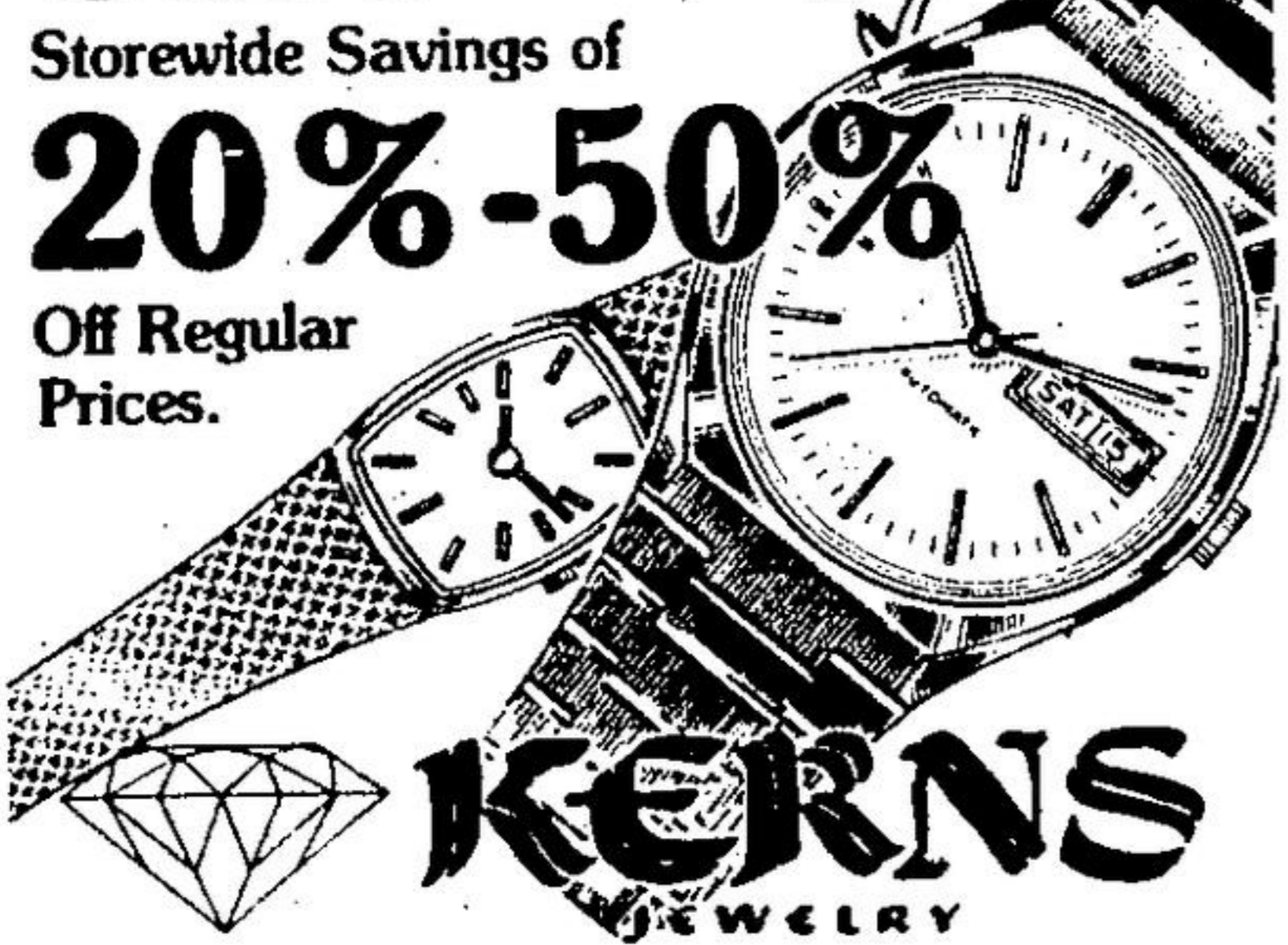
Rev. Reid believes we're living in the "later days" and people will be turning to God for help.

Come on in! Rev. Cliff Hodgson of the Halton Evangelical Tabernacle holds open the church doors leading into the church sanctuary. Married with two children, Rev. Hodgson began ministering to the Acton Pentecostal congregation seven months ago. His wife is a deaconess.

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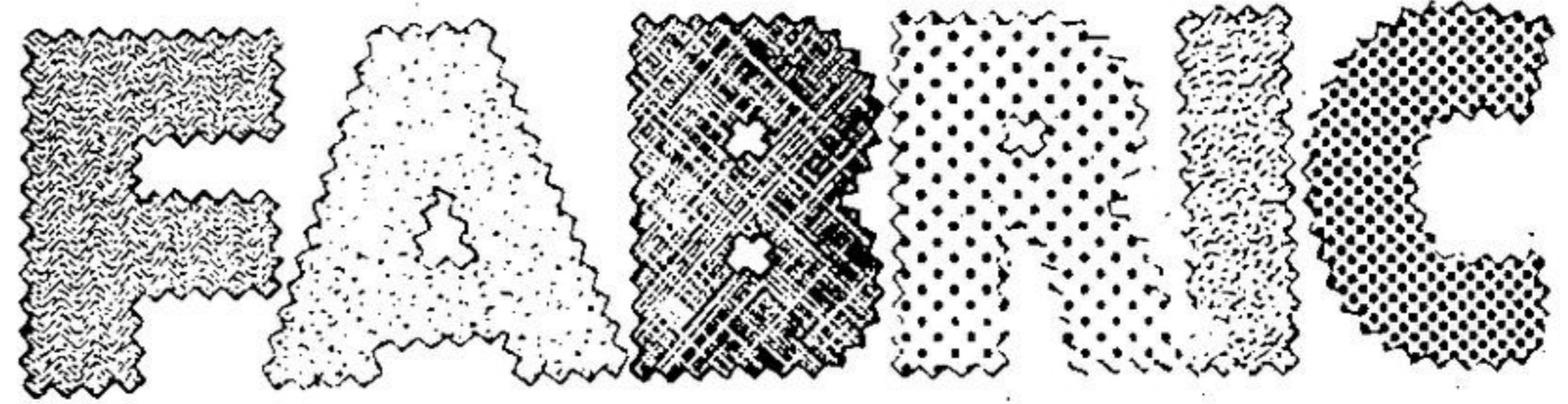


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